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FLOOD CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR SESSION
ZOOM (online) MEETING
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2020
MEETING MINUTES

Members in attendance:

- Elston Grubaugh
- Tom Davis
- Kevin Dahl
- Jeffrey Kramer
- **Members absent:** Courtney Arviso, Craig Colvin, and Kenneth Baughman

Others in attendance:

- Frank Sanchez, Deputy County Engineer
- David Ruvalcaba, Civil Engineer- Flood Control
- Ed Feheley, Deputy County Attorney

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairman Elston Grubaugh called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. A quorum was verified.

2. Call to Public

No public present.

3. Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting of September 3, 2020

Tom Davis made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 3, 2020 Flood Control Advisory Board meeting.

Jeffrey Kramer seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0.

4. Projects Update (FY20)

Frank Sanchez gave a brief update on the projects listed below:

A. Smucker Park: Elston inquired about the changes he heard were occurring with Smucker Park. Frank explained the specifications had been revised to better facilitate the project. The changes are being forwarded to the consultant to incorporate, and then on to ADWR for review. Once approved, Frank indicated the project should go out to bid late January or early February 2021. Frank stated the plans are not being changed; only the contract times and Notice to Proceed.

Elston asked about the project costs increasing. Frank responded that the BOS authorized use of the contingency and emergency funds from the Flood Control account be utilized if bidding goes over \$14 million.

Jeffrey Kramer asked if any external costs were lost on the project. Frank explained that the BOS felt it was a wash and was comfortable walking away from the contract and releasing the contractor. Frank confirmed that the monies lost were paid out to the consultant for construction administration.

B. Wellton's Coyote Wash Channelization Project: Frank stated that the BOS approved the plans and authorized advertisement of project. Currently, waiting on relocation of a family within the project limits. Frank expects to have out to bid in January and have a contractor on board when family has moved.

Elston asked what the hold-up was on relocating the family. Frank responded that the family was having a house built and should be complete by February / March.

C. Wellton's Area Drainage Improvements: Frank reported they are working with the consultant to finalize the plans, close to 100%. The IGA was approved by Wellton and scheduled to be presented to BOS in January. Frank indicated that project may have to be pushed back another year if Smucker Park goes over budget.

D. South Somerton's Area Drainage Improvements: Frank explained that project was currently out to bid. The bid opening scheduled for Dec 10, 2020. The project has three separate plans. The concept was to bid out all three together but issue the NTP on two phases, so utility companies had time to relocate the utilities. Project estimated costs are \$4.3 million, sharing costs with City of Somerton for \$500,000.

E. Retention Basin Upgrades: Frank described upgrades to three basins, San Luis, Somerton and City of Yuma. The San Luis basin would discharge into the BOR, which a license would be required. Tom stated that it would be a dual license with the BOR and the YCWUA. Tom would check with staff to see if the project plans were received by BOR. Frank would send plans to Tom if needed. Frank mentioned that they would develop an IGA for San Luis and City of Yuma for the maintenance on the improvements.

F. Facility Maintenance (Drainage Well Discharge Line Replacement): Frank stated project complete this fiscal year. No issues reported and discharge lines have been replaced and pumps are working properly now.

G. Overall Maintenance: Frank reported that money was set aside this year for maintenance. The goal was to inspect all pumps and basins to fix any deficiencies at any of the facilities.

David Ruvalcaba gave a detailed report of his progress with the inspections, along with a new project at the Walnut Basin.

5. Meeting Schedule:

Elston discussed the meeting dates for 2021 and asked if any issues with the proposed schedule. No comments on meeting dates. Schedule accepted as stated.

6. Roundtable: Frank discussed the Walnut Basin project.

Elston brought up the retention basin Wellton projects. He mentioned a couple conflicts were discovered while reviewing the plans.

7. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:32 a.m.

These minutes were approved and accepted on this 4th day of March, 2021.


Elston Grubaugh, Chairman